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SUBJ: CCD: US-UK CONSULTATIONS ON CW

REF: (A) STATE 160354; (B) GENEVA 5395

1. SUMMARY: US AND UK DELOFFS MET ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 7 TO REVIEW SECOND DRAFT OF BRITISH CW CONVENTION. US DELOFFS PROVIDED PRELIMINARY VIEWS BASED ON REFTEL A TREATY TEXT SENT JULY 8 AND PROMISED TO SEEK WASHINGTON REACTION ASAP. END SUMMARY

2. AT MEETING OF US AND UK DELOFFS, HELD AT BRITISH REQUEST ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 7, US DEL WAS GIVEN SECOND DRAFT OF CW CONVENTION WHICH UK PLANS TO TABLE AT CCD LATER THIS SUMMER. (TEXT TRANSMITTED AS REF B). ON BASIS OF VIEWS CONTAINED REF A, US DELOFFS PROVIDED COMMENTS ON NEW DRAFT AS OUTLINED IN PARA 4 BELOW AND PROMISED TO SEEK WASHINGTON REACTION ASAP. US DELOFFS AGAIN EMPHASIZED THAT UNTIL THE US GOVERNMENT REACHES DECISION ON SEVERAL IMPORTANT ASPECTS OF THE CW QUESTION, WE WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO TAKE DEFINITIVE PUBLIC POSITION ON RELEVANT AREAS OF DRAFT CONVENTION.

3. REVISED VERSION IS MORE PRECISELY DRAFTED, BUT DOES NOT
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REFLECT ANY CHANGE IN KEY OPERATIVE PROVISIONS. MOST IMPORTANT

CHANGES APPEAR TO BE:

-- ARTICLE II, PARA 5 HAS BEEN REVISED TO DELETE REFERENCE TO A NATIONAL CONTROL COMMITTEE (REFTEL PARA 5(E)).

-- REVISED ARTICLE V ENVISIONS THAT THE PROVISIONS FOR A PHASED DESTRUCTION PROGRAM WILL BE WORKED OUT AMONG KEY PARTIES AND THEN APPROVED BY THE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE.

-- ALTERNATIVE TEXTS FOR ARTICLE VI, WHICH PROVIDE MORE ELABORATE PERMANENT ENFORCEMENT MACHINERY, HAVE BEEN ADDED AS ANNEXES.

4. PRINCIPAL COMMENTS MADE BY US DELOFFS ARE SUMMARIZED BELOW: (A) DRAFT STILL DOES NOT CONTAIN ENOUGH DETAIL TO PERMIT EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF KEY PROVISIONS. BRITISH SAID THEY RECOGNIZED THIS AND INTENDED TO SPECIFY IN TEXT THAT NECESSARY DETAILS WOULD BE PROVIDED IN ANNEXES.

(B) ARTICLE I REFERENCES TO "PEACEFUL" AND "HOSTILE" PURPOSES COULD LEAD TO UNINTENTIONAL RESTRICTIONS ON USE OF CERTAIN TOXIC CHEMICALS, SUCH AS SOME ROCKET FUELS, FOR NON-CW MILITARY PURPOSES. A NEW FORMULATION IS NEEDED.

(C) HOW ARTICLE I WOULD AFFECT BINARY COMPONENTS IS STILL UNCLEAR. (REF A, PARA 4(C)).

(D) IN ARTICLE II, THE INTENDED SCOPE OF PARAGRAPH 2 IS UNCLEAR. (REF A, PARA 5(A)).

(E) WE HAVE SOME RESERVATIONS ABOUT THE DESIRABILITY OF REQUIRING PARTIES TO DECLARE AT THE OUTSET WHAT TYPES AND QUANTITIES OF CHEMICAL AGENTS ARE IN THEIR POSSESSION, AS PROVIDED IN ARTICLE II, PARA 3. (REF A, PARA 5(C)). UK DELOFF RESPONDED THAT PERHAPS INFO PROVIDED COULD BE QUITE GENERAL.

(F) RATHER THAN ESTABLISHING A QUOTA FOR ON-SITE INSPECTION, WE WOULD PREFER TO RELY ON CHALLENGE INSPECTION PROVISIONS OF THE TYPE INCORPORATED IN ARTICLE VIII. (REF A, PARA 8(D)).
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(G) THE US PREFERS TO HAVE THE UN SYG CARRY OUT THE DEPOSITARY FUNCTION (REF A, PARA 9). UK DELOFFS BELIEVED THAT THIS MIGHT LEFT BLANK, RATHER THAN SPECIFY DEPOSITARY.

5. BRITISH CURRENTLY PLAN TO TABLE DRAFT AT AUGUST 12 PLENARY. IN ORDER TO MEET THIS SCHEDULE THEY NEED ANY ADDITIONAL US COMMENTS BY FRIDAY, JULY 16. COMPLETION

OF FINAL DRAFT AND INTERNAL HMG CLEARANCE EXPECTED BY END
OF JULY. CONSULTATIONS WITH ALLIES AND RUSSIANS WOULD
BEGIN FIRST WEEK IN AUGUST.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE PROVIDE ANY ADDITIONAL COMMENTS
BY COB WASHINGTON TIME, THURSDAY, JULY 15.DALE

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